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SENATOR MURPHY: Mr. President, and to Thomas Fitzgerald, and a finer man you'll never see, as proven by the fact that either fine mother or his very fine wife stayed up all night baking a cake for the lot of you. I might add that includes all you Protestants, you heathen Dane, you many many chittermans. I want you to know that the Irish are prone to share what they have. I just wish to take this occasion to question one small thing. Me cake was served on a white plate bearing an orange stripe and I'd like to know who was responsible for the stripe. Other than that, on behalf of the body I'd like to thank Senator Fitzgerald again for a fine bit of a repass this morning. I thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Do you want to respond on behalf of yourself and the old timer Tom?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. President and fellow Senators, George Syas has even got a little green on his tie today.

PRESIDENT: Reluctantly we move to LB 277, excuse me 378.

CLERK: Read title.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that LB 378 be advanced to E & R initial. 378, as drafted, only effects Lancaster county and the Lancaster County Agricultural Society. Briefly, because of legislation that was passed some time ago coupled with an Attorney General's opinion, in some instances it is necessary for a county agricultural society to hold a separate budget hearing and set a separate levy. In those counties which are close to their constitutional mill levy limit this is appropriate. In the case of Lancaster county we do not have that problem. This bill will permit the County Fair Budget to be a part of the counties budget, just as we have done since . . . well for probably a hundred years, or nearly that. There is still the public hearing and all the protections that should go along with it. The difference is that we would not have to hold a larger reserve, which would otherwise be necessary, because the county fair payout is the first couple of months of the fiscal year. By passing this that will make this unnecessary. The other thing the bill does, it does increase the mandatory amount which a county must give to the county fair. Again, this only applied to Lancaster county. The permissive amount is considerably above this but this would increase the mandatory amount from \$20,000 up to \$25,000. Again, it only effects Lancaster county.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the advancement of LB 378. Record your vote. Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 277.

CLERK: Read title.